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Cultural Arts Center Asks Council Support

by Leta Mach

The "yellow badges" showed up at Monday's city council meeting to persuade council to follow them down the yellow brick road leading to a Greenbelt Cultural Arts center in the old theater. Sporting yellow signs about the cultural center, supporters filled most of the seats in city council chambers. After hearing their petition, council decided to meet with representatives of Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. (GCACI) the next night, Tuesday, January 8.

Konrad Herling began the petition by telling council that the group, now incorporated, believes it has met the challenge to "demonstrate the viability of a cultural center." He itemized their accomplishments during the month of December: 1. 6-700 citizens attended the open houses in the old theater; 2. over 300 individuals have contributed to the cause; 3. \$4,098.56 has been raised. Notably this occurred during the holiday season, Herling explained, through the work of volunteers and without any assistance from the owner, George Christacos, in

providing heat or running water. "Despite all the negative factors, the movement is alive," Herling summarized.

He added that the group believes that a cultural arts center would unite the community and revitalize the center. Also he reminded the council of the alternatives to a cultural arts center. At one time the owner was interested in leasing the theater to a health spa. GCACI petitioned a more active role from the city in order to keep the cultural arts center idea alive.

Survey

Citing the results of a survey throughout the city, resident John Ward noted that 90% of those surveyed said they would attend an event at the proposed cultural arts center. Drama was the event most preferred (70.6%), followed by films with 64.7% and classical music and speakers with about 44% each. Ward reported on a meeting with Park and Planning and Publik Playhouse staff. He emphasized that the Publik Playhouse movement began with only two individuals and a theater in worse shape than Greenbelt's. In contrast, the Greenbelt theater was originally planned as a performing arts the-

ater. Ward agreed with the Cheverly effort to have the arts included under recreation, saying the arts are recreation for many people by choice or physical necessity. He believes Greenbelt would enjoy the same positive results—less vandalism and graffiti—as the Cheverly-Bladensburg area.

Program

Greenbelt resident Dave Bent
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WHAT GOES ON

Sun., Jan. 13, 7 p.m. State Legislative Delegation Open Door Session, Municipal Building

Mon., Jan. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Recreation Dept. Winter Registration, Youth Center

7:30 p.m. Citizens for Greenbelt Association, Greenbelt Library

8 p.m. City Workshop Session with Postal officials, Municipal Building

Tues., Jan. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Recreation Dept. Winter Registration, SHL Recreation Center

Wed., Jan. 16, 3-5 p.m. Recreation Dept. Winter Registration, Youth Center

had apparently run into financial difficulty and did not complete the project.

Although the roof problem appears to have been solved, other concerns must be addressed before the school will be accepted into the county system. Have the school's exterior walls moved? Are steel reinforcements and wall ties properly placed and spaced? The school system's staff and architect want answers to these questions.

Walls

Civil engineers from the firm of Bernard F. Locraft have completed their field work and expect to wrap up their report within two weeks. Using sensitive surveying instruments, Locraft is comparing a set of measurements taken in April 1979 against another set taken in December to determine if any of the walls have moved. The data will be analyzed by Walton, Madden and Cooper, the architectural firm that designed the school, and by the firm's consulting structural engineer, Edward Scullen. The measurements will also be studied by the bonding company and CMA specialists.

The architects and engineers are also looking closely at several sets of x-rays to determine if wall ties (ties anchor the brick wall to steel structures) are properly in place. Some spots may need further scrutiny, but this will not be known until the x-rays are examined in conjunction with the results of the Locraft study dealing with wall

Greenbelt School Study Committee to Meet

The Greenbelt School Study Committee will meet on Wed., Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Youth Center Classroom to discuss the activities of the P. G. County Board of Education's Citizens Advisory Council on Busing. Greenbelt residents are urged to attend.

Ten Top Stories of 1979

by Mary Lou Williamson and Virginia Beauchamp

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top Greenbelt stories of 1979. This year the following were chosen, listed in the approximate order of their occurrence.

Post Office

Continuing saga of new location for the Greenbelt post office begins with meeting of city, county, and federal representatives on Jan. 18. At year's end it is still unresolved. Greenbelters want customer services in Center. P.O. officials object that space is too small for full facility and split facility is too expensive. Although agreeing to postpone decision to prepare feasibility study for split operation, P.O. officials nevertheless announce in May their intention to move ahead with a new facility on Parkway and Crescent. Council still presses for financial report on split facility. In December USPS agrees to delay decision to explore establishing contract station in Center and finding another site for full post office outside old Greenbelt.

Historic Preservation

In January, city officials agree with GHI to make formal application to have Greenbelt designated historic as an early experiment in town planning. Historic district would include original housing, Center Mall, parklands, athletic fields, churches, schools, Indian Springs, cemeteries, and remaining green belt to north and east. Cautious city officials note listing on register would add new layer of review, with potential for delay in seeking grants and loans. They are proven right when in October GHI area is declared eligible for listing and thus eligible for historic preservation guidance in its rehabilitation program. In December the Governor's Consulting Committee declares Greenbelt of exceptional historic importance and of significance for whole country, recommending national landmark status.

Center Mall Rehabilitation

In late January commercial center property owner George Christacos and city council meet with representative of county's Dept. of Program Planning and Economic Development on possible ways to finance rehabilitating old Center buildings. After several months' negotiating, District Council approves Commercial Shopping Center (CSC) zoning, city agrees to allow non-exclusive use of 340 parking spaces and Christacos gives city easement for adjacent sidewalks, which he will repair before city takes over maintenance responsibility.

Council in October approves special exception for expanding Mobil station in Center, provided that no mini-mart and at least one full-service aisle for gasoline be included.

Meanwhile council candidate Konrad Herling runs on issue that old Greenbelt Theatre be redeveloped as cultural center for the performing and visual arts. In late fall he spearheads citizen committee to raise funds. Saturday night and New Year's Eve programs in unheated building are held throughout December.

Overpass

Faced with continuing opposition of Greenbriar Phase I owners (expressed in record turn-out at Feb. 8 council meeting and rejection of city's offer of \$3768 for easement) city begins condemnation proceedings for pedestrian overpass across B-W Parkway, while agreeing to citizen referendum on issue. Meanwhile Federal Highway Administration objects to Mandan Rd. site, as do Phase II owners. September referendum shows 88% of voters favor Gardenway site. In November Phase I board and city officials meet to share information and explore whether to continue with condemnation proceedings.

Highway Improvements

Greenbelt keeps in forefront of lobbying for an improved Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road interchange as council opts at March public hearing for Alternate 1, running Greenbelt Rd. underneath Kenilworth. State highway officials nevertheless ignore citizens advice and in July select alternative 2, with Kenilworth depressed under Greenbelt Rd. City questions decision. Alternate 2 will slice off 4.5 acres from the corner of the Golden Triangle, making problems for developer Kenneth Michael, who must give up already sold-out medical condominium building planned for that corner. If park officials resist giving up strip needed to widen south side of Greenbelt Rd., land may have to come from north side, interfering further with Michael's development plans. Highway officials, uncertain of outcome, prevent Michael's efforts to get permit for his building. He appeals.

Citizens and officials alike are flabbergasted in July when they read in News Review that SHA has elaborate plans for "improving" the B-W Parkway/Capital Beltway interchange. Not only would the interchange be enlarged with flyover ramps to speed left turns, taking more land at every corner, but land on both sides of Beltway extending to Kenilworth would be taken — half of parcel 15, part of the Lake park and a strip from the Golden Triangle, most of Indian Springs and, ironically, the Capitol Cadillac sign. An angry Greenbelt calls highway officials on the carpet. SHA's project planning team shows in force, gives detailed presentation. At year's end issue is unresolved.

Green Ridge House

Neighbors and potential residents tour a mostly completed but still empty Green Ridge House on March 18, four days before builder hands keys over to city. Within 6 weeks the 101-unit apartment building for elderly and handicapped is all but filled. On first Sunday in June, Greenbelt Day, successful completion of project is celebrated as mayor welcomes new residents, encouraging them to become part of community. To replace land on which Green Ridge House stands, city acquires 10 acres of adjacent parkland extending along the Parkway to site of proposed Gardenway overpass. Land is purchased in March through condemnation, using up last dollars in \$950,000 Capital Improvements bond issue of 1969.

Budget

A small but significant increase in ability of city to provide needed services through added personnel but without rise in 97c property tax is council's plan for 1980, as it approves a \$2.5 million budget in early June. Most of remainder of 9.6% hike in expenditures goes for energy, materials and a 6% raise for employees. Anticipating that new de-

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High School Roof Repairs Completed; Walls Being Monitored for Movement

by Elaine Skolnik

When students returned to Eleanor Roosevelt High School after the holiday break, the halls were cleared of scaffolding and supports. School officials were pleased that roof repairs had been completed without any disruption in the school program and before the first snow storm. An inspection report on the corrective work is expected from Froehling and Robertson, inspection engineers. The Baltimore firm was brought in by the school system to monitor the roof repairs.

Last winter scaffolding was set in place at the south end of the school's mall area when sagging ceiling tiles were spotted. Investigation revealed that several joists had failures in them because of defective welding. However, repairs were delayed until the matter of who would pay the bill—the school system or the bonding company—was settled. Maryland Casualty will assume the charges.

During the Christmas vacation five joists and bridging welds (straps running between joists to keep them in a vertical position) were repaired. Construction Management Associates Inc. (CMA) engaged by bonding company Maryland Casualty Corporation to fulfill the terms of the building contract, performed the work. The original contractor, Glassman Construction Company,

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On Setting Limits

The management and members of GHI are now in the throes of decision-making on many facets, large and small, of that cooperative's self-renewal effort called rehabilitation.

Judgments made now will have lasting effects on the vitality and survivability of the organization. Just as the original planning that went into Old Greenbelt produced a coherent, eminently livable community, so the present process can be successful if care is taken.

We wish to observe, further, that not only the cooperative's homes will be affected by this decision-making; the livability of the rest of the city is to a great extent measured by the physical condition and neatness of GHI's structures, which form such a large part of Greenbelt. GHI members, therefore, have responsibilities not only to themselves as individuals, and to the cooperative as a group, but also to the rest of Greenbelt's citizenry.

One case in point is the question brought up last week of how much latitude to allow members in choice of siding colors for their homes. Though the staff — for sound reasons of esthetic value and practicality — recommended limiting the choices to six colors, half the board was wary of imposing limits. We suggest that this reluctance to invoke self-discipline is one source of GHI's problem's. In the particular case of the color choice, it has already been reported in the columns of this newspaper that consulting architects have gone on record against "too much flexibility (which) directly affects the overall quality of the end result"; the consultants emphasized that "The attractiveness of Greenbelt Homes, like all planned communities, depends on maintaining basic relationships and consistencies between the materials and design of the individual buildings." Thus the board's deference to member desires should not extend so far that an undesirable situation results.

Another consequence of ambiguous policies is that the efforts and recommendations of staff and committee personnel essentially remain ignored. This cannot help but work against the cooperative's own best interests in the long run.

Now, at the beginning of a major new phase in GHI's development is the time to reverse this drift and exert conscious guidance so that the outcome will be a sound, good-looking project of which all can be proud.

THANKS

To the Editor:

Many thanks to all our friends for the many prayers, cards, and well wishes during Joe's recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will be warmly remembered.

Mel & Joe Comproni

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THANKS

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Greenbelt News Review for the publicity space it has furnished the Club during the past year. The Club greatly appreciates this generosity as well as the cooperation of the editor and staff.

Greenbelt Golden Age Club

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To the Editor:

The residents of Green Ridge House wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary, the Clergymen of Greenbelt, Ladies of Charity of St. Hughs and Springhill Lake for their donations of food and fruit.

They were enjoyed and deeply appreciated by all.

Green Ridge House Residents

Police Blotter

Several incidents occurred at the GHI offices last week: vandalism to the office buildings, vandalism to the employees personal vehicles and the theft of 30 gallons of gasoline from the GHI Fleet supply.

An employee of the barber shop (over High's) reported that four juveniles, ages 8 to 14, took money from the cash register and fled. Investigation by Pfc. Lann revealed that five juvenile residents were involved. Within a few hours, three voluntarily came to the Police Dept. The other two were apprehended soon afterwards, charged and turned over to the Dept. of Juvenile Services pending a hearing. The three who came forward were released to the custody of their parents.

A rental vehicle reported stolen by a resident of the Lakeside North Apartments, was recovered the next night by a Riverdale Police Officer. The vehicle's front end was damaged and the license plates and all four tires had been removed.

During a family dispute, a Springhill Lake male juvenile threatened his parents with a twelve-inch blade knife. Pfc. Lann and Ricucci responded and disarmed the youth.

A van, reported stolen by a resident from the Greenbriar development, was recovered in southeast Washington by a D.C. Metropolitan Police officer two nights later. The vehicle's seats and engine parts had been removed.

In response to a report of a customer's failure to pay his bill at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant, officers observed the man acting in a suspicious manner in the Beltway Theatre lobby. When approached, the suspect assaulted Officer Justin and resisted arrest. The 40-year-old out-of-state resident was subdued and charged with theft, trespassing, assault and battery and resisting arrest. He was incarcerated at the P.G. County jail under a \$1,000 bond, pending trial.

On New Year's Eve a man attempted to enter a Hillside Road residence by climbing through a front window. He was frightened off by the resident. Patrols checked the area but could not locate the subject.

A resident of Greenhill Road reported that her residence had been broken into and ransacked while she was away during the holidays.

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Citizens for Greenb'l't

The Citizens for Greenbelt Association will hold its general membership meeting on Monday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Arrangements are being made to have a county or city representative speak on the possibility of initiating some type of local transportation to serve all areas of Greenbelt.

A report will also be made on the progress of a project to issue a Greenbelt telephone directory in the near future.

Interested persons are welcome to attend this meeting and to learn more about the aims and the programs which are being contemplated for this newly-established civic organization.

Winter Class Registration

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Winter Class Registration will be held on Mon., Jan. 14, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Youth Center; Tues., 15, 7-8:30 p.m., at the SHL Recreation Center and Wed., 16, 3-5 p.m., at the Youth Center. A complete listing of class offerings and details is in this issue of the News Review.

GONG SHOW II

Friday, January 11 is the last day to enter Greenbelt Gong Show II for the prizes being offered for the Best, Second Best and Most Outlandish acts.

The show will be held on Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall. Celebrity Judges will be Charlie Wysocki, running back for the University of Maryland Terrapins and the leading rusher of the Atlantic Coast Conference for 1979, Greenbelt's Mayor, Gil Weidenfeld, and Miss Prince Georges County, Cindy Baker.

Tickets will be sold at the Center Mall & Beltway Plaza on Sat., Jan. 12 and Sat., Jan. 19 and will be available at the door. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the show. There will also be a bake sale at the show, with all proceeds of the show and bake sale going to the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

For information, call Bob Phillips at 345-3038 or Jerry Morris at 474-7272.

The E & F. Roosevelt Democratic Club

The next regular meeting of the E&F Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, January 18 at the Greenbriar Community Building. The business meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be the Chairman of the Prince Georges County Council, Paris Glendening.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

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Mishkan Torah

The Adult Education Committee of Mishkan Torah will present a film "Judaism, the Chosen People," on Thursday, January 17 at the synagogue building at 8 p.m. A discussion, "What Is a Jew?" will follow the film, which is part of Public Broadcasting System's examination of religions of the world. The public is invited to attend.

unteer teachers. In the past, classes in Yoga, Disco Dancing, Russian, Computers, Creative Living and others have been taught. Those wishing to share a hobby, skill, or talents with others please call 937-8259.

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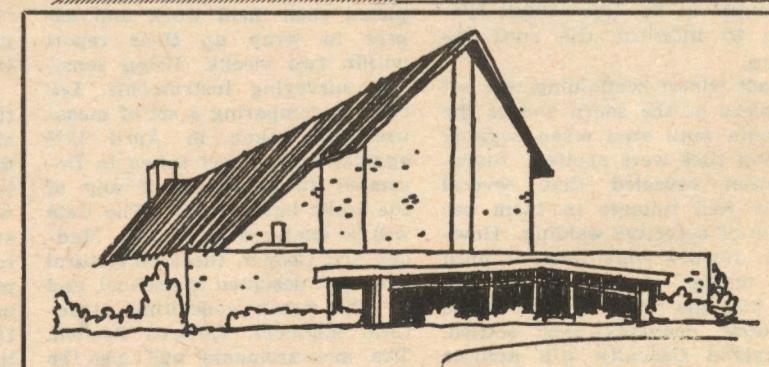
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Council Holds Work Session on Cultural Arts Center

son gave the council a rundown of the possible program for the cultural arts center. At the bottom line, he explained, conservatively the arts center could gross \$27,600 and cost \$100-125,000 a year to run. The program included one coffee house a week at \$150, three movies a week at \$50-75 each, two concerts or dances a month at \$150 each, one theatrical production a month with two performances at \$200 each and two rental spaces for various art forms or schools at \$200 each. The costs would include one full-time and probably two part-time employees, rent, heat and electricity. Estimating the additional renovation costs at \$100-150,000, Benson said he felt the landlord would share these costs.

Requests

Herling presented several options for council's response. First he requested the City of Greenbelt act on behalf of GCACI to find funding for the cultural arts center. He felt that the city would have more clout before Joan Mondale's White House Council of the Arts or the Washington Cultural Alliance of which Giant Food is a member. Assistance in applying for a Commu-

nity Development Block Grant was also requested. In addition, the group would like help in negotiating with the landlord, George Christacos, who would like the city to co-sign the lease. As an alternative, the group requested the city set up an escrow account to guarantee the rent. Next year, the group would like the cultural arts center included in the recreation budget.

Council's Response

Councilman Thomas White felt city help to find funding was painless and acceptable, but a co-signature would require more consideration. Councilman Richard Pilski expressed his concern about doing anything on such short notice with little publicity. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld called for a work session "pronto." Before scheduling the session for the next evening, council directed the city manager, James Giese, to request the landlord to delay negotiations with the arts group until the city could meet with them and in the meantime council requested he let the group use the building.

Work Session

At the work session, GCACI's options were discussed in detail. In addition to the previous re-

quests, Konrad Herling asked that the city contact cable TV companies about using the theater as a studio on a shared basis with the cultural arts center. The group also asked for help with the department of licenses and permits. After much discussion, council decided to take official positions on the options at the next council meeting.

Putting the matter in perspective, White felt the group needed city help "to buy time." He defined the problem as getting the theater for a year or so to get time to find grants. Al Herling noted the problem of attracting corporate backers without a building to use. Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested that a good P.R. salesman was needed and a gimmick such as "buy a seat." Al Herling, nevertheless, asserted that the city should consider the cultural arts center as "an investment in the future of the city of Greenbelt." Such a facility would attract quality companies. Councilman Charles Schwan agreed with White but added that council must first determine if it was willing to participate in the cultural arts center. Schwan stated his willingness to participate. "I can't see

a better use than the cultural arts center," added Weidenfeld, especially in view of the theater's place in Greenbelt history.

Realistically, Weidenfeld felt the cultural arts center had to be secured by private contribution, grants or cable TV shared use. Until June, the end of the fiscal year, there would be no funds in the budget for co-signing the lease or an escrow account. Even for next year's budget, Weidenfeld did not feel \$100,000 could be provided to run the cultural arts center. Such a subsidy would mean an increase of 5-10c in the city tax rate. Unacceptable to him, unless there was a huge surge of public support.

White noted that a political, cultural, and philosophical question, "How much can you support cultural activities?" would have to be faced someday. Now, however, Weidenfeld noted that the budget was not "starting from scratch" and the funds were already committed elsewhere. CGACI members asked about the city paying all or part of the

salary for a cultural arts center employee as well as supervising employees. Again this was a problem of available money.

Schwan felt shared cable TV use was worthy of exploration. It would mean advertising for a company with the condition that the company would locate in the theater with the arts center. Konrad Herling said he had learned from a cable TV representative that the company would need about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the space.

The group asked for city staff help to (1) check foundations for grants, (2) draft a proposal on the cultural arts center, (3) review capital costs. Giese stated that the city did have staff members familiar with researching for grants. However, the guidelines for the cultural arts center and its basic program should come from GCACI, Giese felt. As far as capital costs (the minimum needed to meet health costs and safety codes for permits) Giese explained that the city relied on other experts. Castaldi felt that there were experts (plumbers, electricians, and fire marshals) in Greenbelt who could help.



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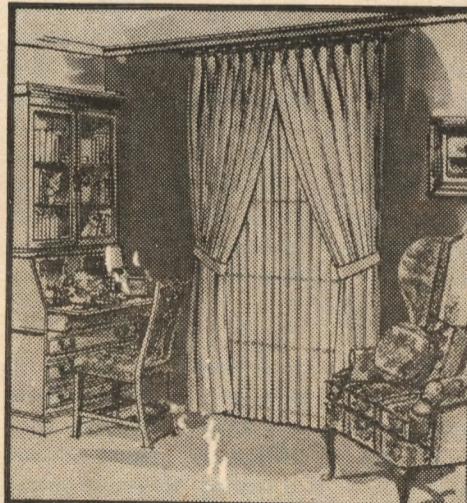
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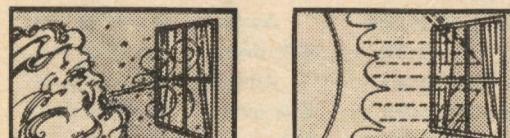


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School Budget

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Copies of the proposed budget will be available in school libraries before the hearings. Anyone who wishes to speak should register in advance by calling 952-4350.

At the Library

Young Adult Program

Tues., Jan. 15, 5-6 p.m. Book and Movie Lovers, ages 13-15. Discussion group devoted to viewing and talking about films, reading and discussing books. See or call Young Adult Librarian for details, 345-5800.

The Board of Education will hold work sessions throughout the rest of January before adopting the budget by February 11.

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Monday, January 14th, 7-8:30 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center

Tuesday, January 15th, 7-8:30 pm, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Wednesday, January 16th, 3-5 pm, Greenbelt Youth Center

Late registration on a space available basis only, Thursday, January 17th, 10 am - 3:30 pm at the Youth Center Business Office. All late registrants will be charged a \$1.00 late fee. Make all checks payable to the CITY OF GREENBELT.

A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 62 years old and over, registering for classes. Non-residents will be charged an additional 25% for all classes.

Classes are held for the number of sessions or hours designated. All classes will begin the week of January 21st, 1980. Should any class be cancelled due to snow, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. Classes are held for the number of sessions or hours designated.

Refunds will be made if classes are cancelled by the Department due to insufficient registration. Other refunds will be made according to provisions in City of Greenbelt resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests be made in writing immediately for valid reasons.

LOCATION CODE: CS - Center Elementary School; SHLES - Springhill Lake Elementary School; SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center; YC - Youth Center.

BABYSITTING: Services provided for classes indicated by asterisks (**). Fee is 75c per child per class hour. Participants must register for entire class and fee is required at time of registration.

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Funtime	SHLRC/YC	Thu 3:30- 4:30p	3-6 yrs.	FREE-8sess.
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	YC	Fri 4:00- 5:00p	6 & over	\$8/8 sessions
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Whittling - plus materials	YC	Wed 7:30- 9:30p	16 & over	\$20/8 sesions
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Beginning	YC	Wed 7:30- 8:30p	16 & over	\$15/10 sesions

Council, USPS to Meet

The Greenbelt City Council will meet in work session with E. E. Fleming, Jr., Maryland/D.C. District Manager of the United States Postal Service (USPS) on Monday, January 14 at 8 p.m. in the City Offices. Work sessions are open to the public.

The latest proposal dealing with Greenbelt's Post Office includes (1) establishing a contract station that would operate out of a business in the Center and (2) building a large facility for sorting and other functions outside the core of Greenbelt, rather than on the proposed Crescent and Parkway Roads site.

The city council favors maintaining split facilities for the Greenbelt postal district, with full customer services in the Center and a distribution facility elsewhere, but not on Parkway and Crescent. USPS maintains that the cost of split facilities would be prohibitive. Council is still waiting for the complete economic analysis study supporting USPS's conclusion.

Council is not enthusiastic about a contract station because its services are limited—selling stamps and money orders and accepting packages to be mailed. Residents would have to travel to the main postal facility to pick up packages and mail that could not be delivered because no one was at home.

NOW Meets Jan. 16

The Northern Prince Georges Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Jan. 16, at the Greenbelt Library at 8 p.m. The topic of this meeting will be: "Going Through Liberation Shock." Ways to deal with the choices of careers, continuing in education, and being a mother will be discussed in feminist consciousness raising groups. The public is welcome. For more information, please call 794-7532.

Applications are now being accepted for the winter series of the feminist consciousness raising groups. Sponsored by N.P.G. chapter of N.O.W., these small discussion groups will begin the week of Jan. 28 and will run for 10 weeks in various locations in Prince Georges County. Some of the topics to be discussed include: Masculine/Feminine Stereotypes, Mothers and Daughters, Women and Economics, Committed Relationships, and Female Sexuality. There is a fee and scholarships are available. To register call Elaine at 345-7461 (evenings).

Transcendental Meditation

A free lecture on Transcendental Meditation (TM) will be given Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

The lecture will be given by Pauline and Mark Stickels, two Greenbelt residents and TM teachers. The topic, "Health and the Aging Process," will cover new research indicating a reversal in the aging process. The lecture should be of special interest to senior citizens, but all are invited to attend.

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velopment and preservation of historic sections will impact greatly, two new administrative staff positions are created. Addition of two police officers and four squad cars allows for increased three-sector patrolling. Funds for road repair, lacking for several years, are increased in effort to catch up. City is in good shape to face challenges of eighties. Satisfied citizens return all five incumbents to council for fourth term.

Greenway Annexation

At first rejecting city offer to annex Greenway shopping center site on southeast corner of B-W Parkway and Greenbelt Rd., Western Development officials change minds because of city services and cheaper financing of road building through general obligation bonds. Advantage to city is tax revenue. Annexation occurs July 5. Previously county's Park and Planning Board approves developers' plat plans but requires main access from Hanover Parkway. Planned opening of 20-store first phase of projected 60-store shopping center is fall 1980. Ground breaking is held Sept 6, building permit granted Nov. 22. Also in November council receives three requests for rezoning of 45 acres outside city limits immediately south of Greenway.

Land Development

Citizen opposition to requests for higher density zoning on Parcels 3 and 4 in city's North End results in formation of new volunteer organization, Citizens for Greenbelt, to monitor future development. Whole city supports principle of encouraging use of vacant land for single family homes. Council approves single family housing for Lakeside West.

Plans for commercial development of Golden Triangle proceed as

Capitol Cadillac opens to small skirmish with council over height of sign. Triangle ownership changes hands in November when Prudential buys tract. West of Kenilworth townhouse style professional center is planned for Stidham property, and first of four office buildings opens in Capital Office Park in Springhill Lake North, where a Hilton Inn is also planned.

Greenbelt Homes Rehabilitation

GHI begins and ends 1979 with anxious members protesting outrageous heating costs from antiquated systems. Financing proves illusive for the ready-to-go \$5 million energy-saving rehabilitation program. When bank wants 15% interest GHI turns to State's Community Development Administration. CDA will loan at 8%, but demands subordination clause signed by half the members to satisfy insurers. Over 400 sign by June, but CDA holds out for more. GHI turns to city for charter amendment to provide for tax-exempt revenue bond (8%), but citizens petition the amendment to referendum, another delay. Board comes close to going ahead with insulation even at high interest rate. Staff makes one last stab at low-cost financing with proposal to HUD for "Substantial Rehabilitation" funds at 3% interest, but county doubles program by insisting on improvements to crawl spaces and electrical work. Members overwhelmingly approve. HUD accepts proposal, offering \$6.4 million loan. CELEBRATION. More delays. HUD must write procedures to administer new program. Maryland Historical Trust objects to change in original siding materials or window design, among other things. At year's end, GHI is still negotiating with Trust and waiting for County to determine role as inspector. HUD loan papers remain unsigned, no work can begin.

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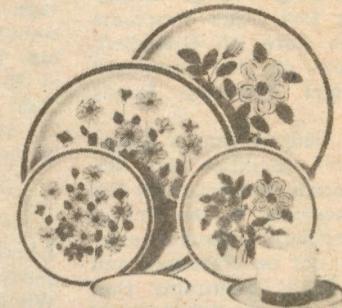
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There will be a series of seven creative movement sessions, improvising with or without music, beginning Wednesday, January 16, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the downstairs cafeteria of the Greenbelt Center School. Participants will utilize these sessions for creative expression rather than technique.

The group is open to both men and women. There is no charge but regular attendance is expected. Previous dance experience is not required.

For further information, call Irene Marsh at 441-8459.

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Homemakers Meet

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet January 16 at 8 p.m., in the home of Faye Anderson. The leader training program will be presented by Doris Marshall. The topic is "Wonder or Wasters." The club invites all those interested to join in the activities. For information call 345-9032 or 474-4031.

Beltsville Marathon

Entries Close Soon

One of the oldest marathons in the United States, the Washington's Birthday marathon, will be held nearby on the National Agricultural Farm on Sunday, February 17, at 11 a.m. All persons interested in running should obtain an entry blank now as the field is limited to 425 entries. There will be no registration on the day of the race. Call Larry Noel at 474-9362 for an entry.

Archeology and the Bible

A brief course on Archeology and the Bible will be offered at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 23 and 30, February 6 and 13. The class will begin at 12 noon and adjourn at 1 p.m.

The course will be taught by the Rev. Arthur Kringel of Baltimore. Rev. Kringel has completed four years of post-graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University in the Department of Near Eastern Studies.

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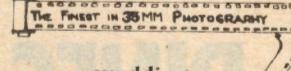
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GHI Board Considers Siding Colors, Resale Financing; Holds Line on 65°

by Sid Kastner

With James Smith chairing the meeting, in the absence of president Donald Volk, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board on December 27 considered a fair number of items before winding up at the relatively early time of ten-thirty: frame home siding colors, fund transfers, resale financing, temperature settings and other matters. Most of these were handled routinely, but a sharp difference of viewpoints between two board members marked one issue connected with the rehabilitation project.

Three basic colors were recommended by the staff for the new shingle siding that will be put on the frame homes—Colonial Blue, Ironwood and Autumn Brown. The staff also asked the board for guidance on how many color choices in all should be allowed the members, and on what groupings of homes. Its own recommendation was that members be limited to no more than six colors. This was preferred by directors Bobbi McCarthy, James Foster and Norman Weyel, who reasoned that "fewer colors (make) a better-looking project" and means less stock to handle, but as many board members—Virginia Moryadas, Ed James and Margaret Hogensen—argued that it would be better not to try to limit the members. The board decided to table the staff-prepared motions until the full board could deal with them, with Smith requesting management to get more member input on the question.

In connection with GHI's recently instituted policy of reducing temperature settings to 65° for homes furthest from heating plants, to save fuel, the staff reported that as expected it has received "numerous" complaints. Authorization was requested to turn settings back to 68° in cases where "there may be a health hazard". This suggestion however was met unfavorably, with director Moryadas and others asserting that the criterion of "health hazard" was hard to establish. Ben Hogensen, from the floor, commented that he feared a reversal in the policy "will return to the old overheating," and argued that auxiliary heating can be used by members if necessary. Chairman Smith summed up the board's feelings by noting that lower temperatures are in line with the President's announced policy of conserving energy, and that the membership has mandated a constrained budget.

Resale Financing; Fund Transfers

As reported previously, it has been difficult for prospective buyers of GHI homes to obtain mortgage loans from financial institutions. Deputy General Manager Kenneth Kopstein informed the board that a mortgage broker has been located who is willing to find lenders; the corporation, however, would have to commit itself to an exclusive contract with such a broker, and also pay a fee of 1 1/2% "up front"—i.e., on all funds borrowed. Kopstein stated that on the positive side, the broker would explore all possibilities including low-interest state-issued loans. Smith and other board members expressed interest but stressed that GHI would be taking on responsibilities if it went into the "financing

business" on behalf of its members, "so we have to be careful". As urged by Foster, the proposal was referred to the Finance Committee for study.

Also in connection with money matters, the staff has been scrutinizing the interest-bearing possibilities of the corporation's various cash accounts. Manager Roy Breashears and Comptroller Donald McGinn proposed that funds in two accounts, totaling about \$160,000, be put into six-month certificates to earn more interest. Discussion of this move centered on two aspects: first, would a shorter time-period of thirty or ninety days be more profitable; and second, director James suggested using the money instead to pay back the corporation's capital improvement loan which carries a high interest rate of 16%. The logic of the latter idea was endorsed by Kopstein, Weyel, and McCarthy. On the other hand Smith and McGinn reminded the board that "we've been criticized in the past for mingling funds... how strong is our commitment to the membership on this?" From the floor, Bettie Denson said that "most of us feel that we want to be able to look at the books and know what is being talked about; but why don't you talk to the members at the next opportunity about (this) proposal... they're reasonable people." It was decided to first obtain a legal opinion from counsel Albert Ginsberg. On hearing further comments from McGinn, a motion was brought up to put the money into thirty-day certificates; a following amendment by

Hogensen changed the time period to six months, and was adopted on a close 2-2 vote with Smith casting a tie-breaker.

Other Items, Issues

With regard to the possibility of heat generation from trash burning, a concept recently proposed to GHI and some other institutions, Kopstein told the board that consultant Nelson Walker will be reporting back in mid-January on the economics of the system; he noted that the costs to local governments of dumping trash are rising steeply, making such a system more and more practical as time goes by. In reply to a question from James, Kopstein said he had been in communication with Goddard Space Flight Center which is also looking into the idea—for example, a joint plant could in principle be built halfway between GHI and GSFC, for efficiency.

Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to E. Roosevelt principal Robert Ogden on the death of his father, William Ogden.

News Review staffer Judith Goldstein has had an article published in the winter 1980 issue of *The Statesman* magazine. "Travelling on the Doric" recounts her experiences on a recent cruise to Bermuda.

Best wishes to Beth Kessler, 2D Woodland Way, who is recuperating from surgery at George Washington University Hospital. Mrs. Kessler is a 6th grade teacher at Center School. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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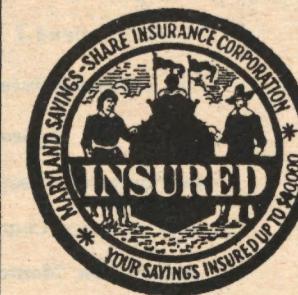
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